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1. US views on French attitude toward Germany--The Department of State has authorized Ambassador Caffery in Paris to inform the French Government of the US view that French preoccupation with Germany as the major threat to French security is outmoded and unrealistic and that the real danger to France is not Germany itself but the possibility that German resources will be utilized by another power. Caffery is also authorized to express the view that unless western Germany can during the coming year be effectively associated with the Western European nations, first through economic arrangements and ultimately perhaps politically, there is real danger that the whole of Germany will be drawn into the eastern orbit.
2. Italy desires improved relations with Spain--US Embassy Rome reports that certain officials in the Italian Foreign Office are considering ways of improving Italy's relations with Spain, possibly through a customs union which might provide some opportunity for Spanish participation in the Western European cooperation programs. The Embassy has been informed by a Foreign Office source that Italy favors normal relations between Spain and its Mediterranean neighbors and to establish such relations seeks a formula which would not embarrass the US, the UK, and France.

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

3. PALESTINE: Arabs to send troops if UN forces used--US Embassy Cairo has been informed by Secretary General

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Azzam Pasha of the Arab League that the Arab states will not send regular troops to Palestine unless other countries or the UN sends military forces. Azzam said that in such an event the Arab states would be obliged to send in armies in full force. Azzam Pasha added that the Arab League regards the Palestine situation as a civil war involving a minority attempt to set up a separate state.

Reported Arab chain of command and D-Day plan--
British Middle East Land Forces have informed the US Military Attache in Cairo that Arab leaders have agreed upon an Arab League military command for Palestine and a specific D-Day plan of attack, including the destruction of the Reutenberg hydroelectric plant and the Jerusalem water reservoir and pumping stations.

(CIA Comment: Although the strong Arab desire for a victory may lead to the specific destructive acts of the D-Day plan at almost any time, the commitment of full Arab strength is unlikely before British withdrawal is well-advanced unless an international force is sent to Palestine.)

4. IRAN: Informal request for additional US aid--The US Military Attache in Tehran, at the request of Chief of Staff Razmara, transmits the views of the Shah and Razmara that:
(a) with the passage by the Majlis of the US arms credit bill, Iran has burned its bridges as far as the USSR is concerned and therefore deserves "complete assistance" from the US; and (b) an immediate token shipment of arms is most desirable as an indication that the US wishes to furnish aid to Iran quickly in the event of emergency. The MA endorses the sending of a token shipment "so that Iranians will not lose confidence in the integrity and intentions" of the US.
5. SYRIA: Resentment over US airline's action--US Legation Damascus reports that Pan American Airways' decision to withdraw its employees from Syrian Airways by 1 March:
(a) will cripple, if not kill, the latter's activities; (b) may furnish "press fireworks for another anti-American festival"; and (c) may result in the repudiation by the Syrian Government of the still unratified US-Syrian air agreement.

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